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1. A unit of about 600 troops wearing red-bordered black and black-bordered crimson epaulets marched along Fuerstenwalderstrasse toward Westkreuz, Frankfurt/Oder (N 53/V 63), on 1 December. A unit of about 300 unarmed troops with red-bordered black epaulets marched in the opposite direction toward the railroad station on 3 December.

25X1 2. No troops have been observed arriving at, or departing from Neuruppin (N 53/Z 49) since 1 December.

3. At the beginning of December, 10 officers and about 180 senior EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank and artillery insignia were seen marching from the Artillery Kaserne, Perleberg (N 54/T 70), to the railroad station. They were led by a military band.

4. Military personnel who arrived at Eberswalde (N 53/V 08) aboard a train at 2:45 p.m. on 4 December included: 1 officer and 28 senior EM with red-bordered black epaulets who marched to the Artillery Kaserne; and 1 officer and 48 senior EM who marched to the Schuetzen Kaserne. An informant said that the personnel had boarded the train in Bernau (N 53/Z 96). [redacted] coming from the Artillery Kaserne, were loaded at the Eberswalde railroad station at 3 p.m. on 5 December. [redacted] had been entrained before.

5. A freight train which left the Eberswalde railroad station toward Bernau at about noon on 2 December included 10 boxcars, each of which carried 35 to 40 senior soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. [redacted] About 40 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets [redacted] were entrained at the Eberswalde railroad station on 5 December and dispatched with a regular freight train toward Bernau at 2 p.m. *

25X1 * [redacted] Comment. The report refers to the replacement of trained personnel by recruits which terminated in the Soviet Zone of Germany about 10 December 1951. The tanks mentioned in paragraphs 4 and 5 were apparently repaired in Eberswalde.

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